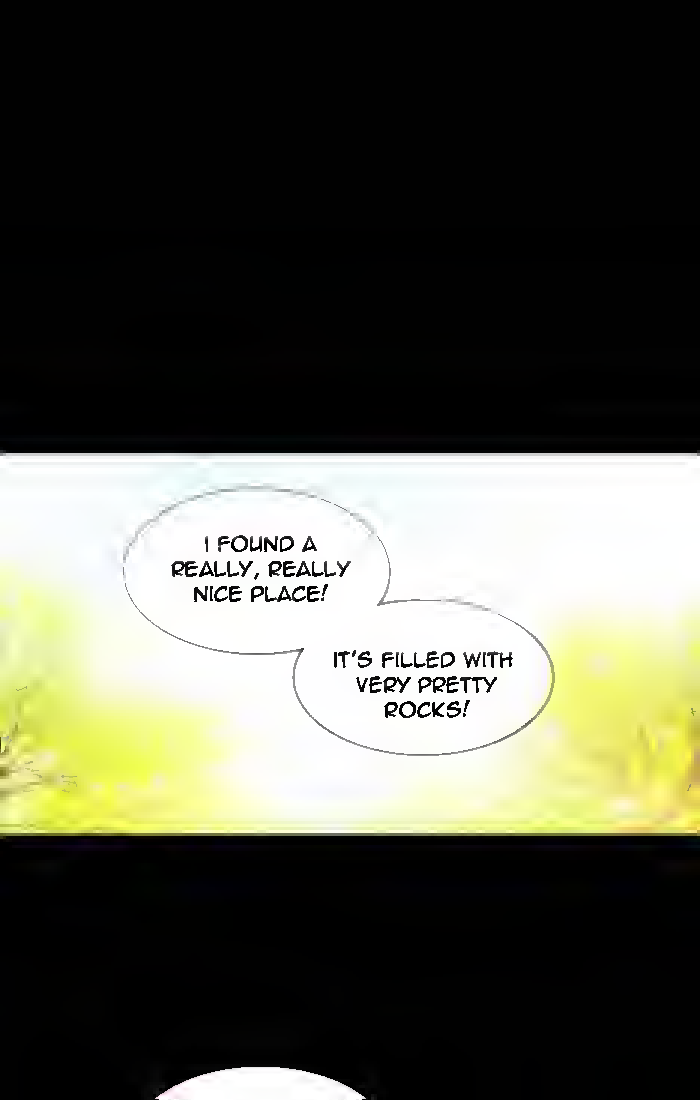
I FOUND A REALLY, REALLY NICE PLACE!
IT'S FILLED WITH VERY PRETTY ROCKS!

IT'S A STREAM NEAR THE MOUNTAIN WE LIVE NEAR. COME WITH ME!
A STREAM? IS IT OK IF WE GO BY OURSELVES?

IT'S FINE. I KNOW THE WAY.

....STILL.
WHAT IF WE GET IN TROUBLE LATER, FOR GOING BY OURSELVES?
IT'S OK NO ONE WILL KNOW.

LET'S GO. COME!

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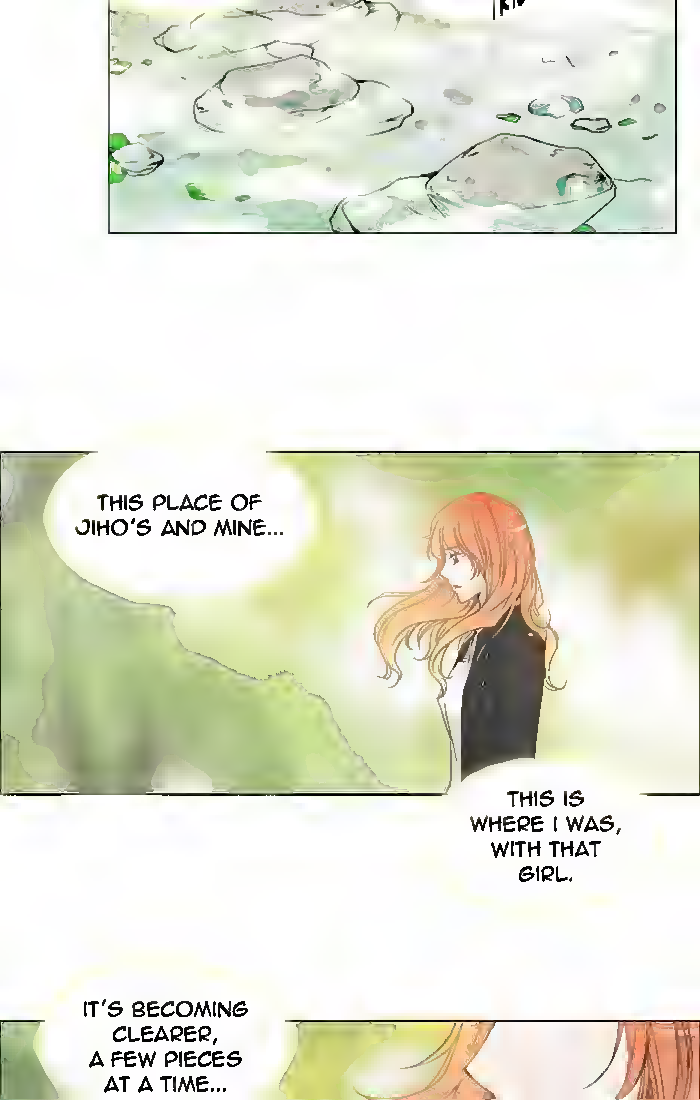
114. BECAUSE OF ME

GUSH-

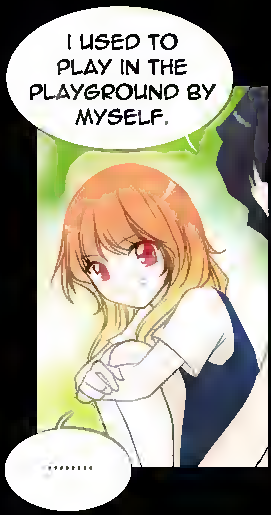
THE SMELL OF WET GRASS-

THE SOUND OF THE WATER- I REMEMBER IT ALL.


THIS PLACE OF JIHO'S AND MINE...
THIS IS WHERE I WAS, WITH THAT GIRL.
IT'S BECOMING CLEARER, A FEW PIECES AT A TIME...

THE EVENTS
OF THAT DAY.

WOW- SO PRETTY. THE WATER SHINES LIKE JEWELS.
AND I SEE FISH!!
SEE. AREN'T YOU GLAD YOU CAME? LET'S BRING BACK LOTS OF PRETTY PEBBLES.
YA! I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THIS.


I USED TO PLAY IN THE PLAYGROUND BY MYSELF.
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THEN HOW ABOUT PLAYING LIKE THIS?!

TAKE THIS!!!
SPLASH-
OH- SO COLD!!
HAHAHA HOW'S MY WATER ATTACK!!
HAHAHAH-
SIA, YOU-!!

DID YOU THINK I WOULD JUST TAKE IT~? TAKE THIS!!
SPLASH-
SPLASH-
AHHH-! I GIVE UP!!! ... NOT! COUNTER ATTACK!!
AH-!! HAHAHA!

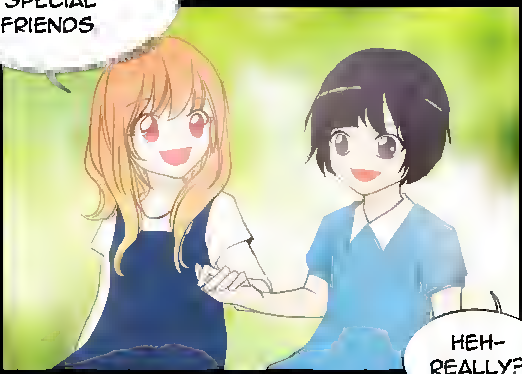
OH THAT WAS FUN!! AND WE GOT A LOT OF PEBBLES!
LET'S SHOW THEM OFF TO OUR FRIENDS TOMORROW AT SCHOOL!
MY CLOTHES GOT ALL WET. MOM'S GOING TO SCOLD ME.
BUT WE STILL HAD FUN, RIGHT?

WE'LL DRY OFF IN THE SUN A BIT BEFORE WE GO.
HEY, SIA. WANT TO HOLD HANDS?
HM?... HANDS?

LISTEN CAREFULL, SIA. HUMANS ARE PREY.
SO YOU MUSTN'T HOLD HANDS WITH HUMAN CHILDREN.
OK?
I-IT'S OK IF YOU

DON'T WANT TO, YOU DON'T HAVE TO.

OK, LET'S BECAUSE WE'RE SPECIAL FRIENDS



HEH- REALLY?

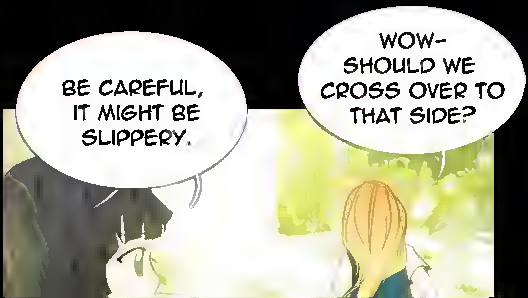
SIA, YOU KNOW, THANK YOU FOR BEING MY FRIEND.

EVERYDAY HAS BEEN SO GREAT BECAUSE I'M WITH YOU
I THINK YOU'RE SPECIAL, AND I LIKE YOU A LOT.

I LIKE YOU, A LOT, TOO!!
PROMISE TO BE FRIENDS FOREVER?
OF COURSE! EVEN WHEN WE BECOME MOMS?
DEFINITELY ~!

AFTER WE BECOME GRANDMAS?
YES! FOREVER~!!!

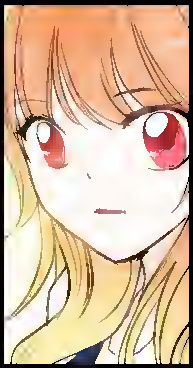
HEY! LOOK! A FROG!
RIBBIT-


BE CAREFUL, IT MIGHT BE SLIPPERY.
WOW- SHOULD WE CROSS OVER TO THAT SIDE?

STEP-
IT'S OK!
I AM ATHLETIC!

WOOOW!
THIS IS AWESOME!
THERE ARE LOTS OF
FROGS AND
FISH HERE!
OH, WAIT..
WAIT FOR
ME.
STEP

LOOK! I ALREADY CAUGHT A FROG!
COME AND....



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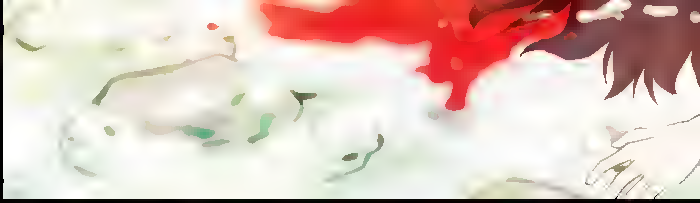
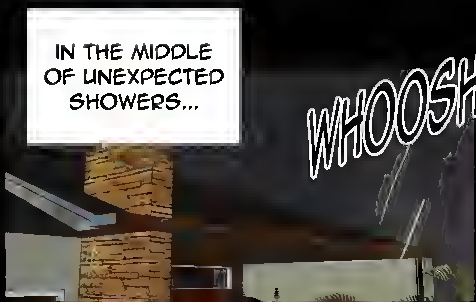


IT WAS SO SUDDEN. I KNOW SHE MUST'VE BEEN TERRIFIED.
JUST TWO KIDS, AT A STREAM WHERE THEY COULDN'T ASK FOR HELP...

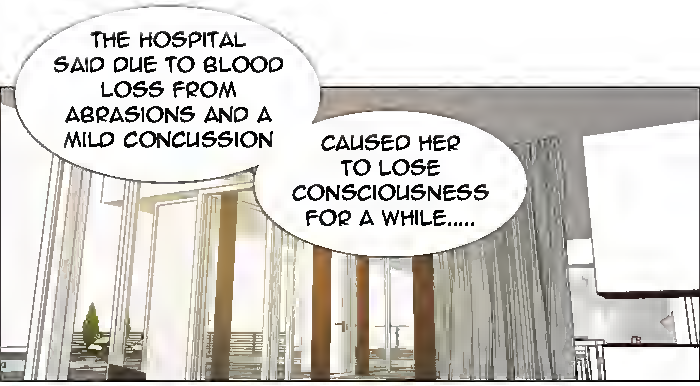
I CANNOT...
FORGET THAT DAY.



I OPENED TO THE DOOR TO HEAD OUT TO FIND SIA, WHO HADN'T RETURNED...
.....SIA..
WHOOSH-
SNIFF... DAD... HELP ME.

YUNSEO...
WHOOSH-
YUNSEO IS....

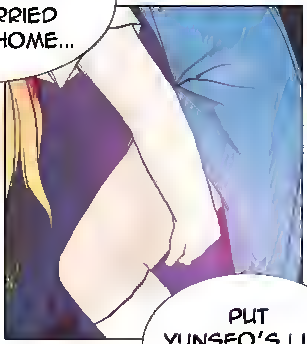
HER LIFE...
WAS ALREADY IN
JEOPARDY.


THE HOSPITAL SAID DUE TO BLOOD LOSS FROM ABRASIONS AND A MILD CONCUSSION
CAUSED HER TO LOSE CONSCIOUSNESS FOR A WHILE.....

BUT FOR REASONS UNKNOWN..... SHE WAS IN A STATE OF EMERGENCY BEYOND WHAT THEY COULD HANDLE.

BUT WE KNEW THE CAUSE.

THE ENERGY SIA OBSORBED WHILE SHE CARRIED YUNSEO HOME...

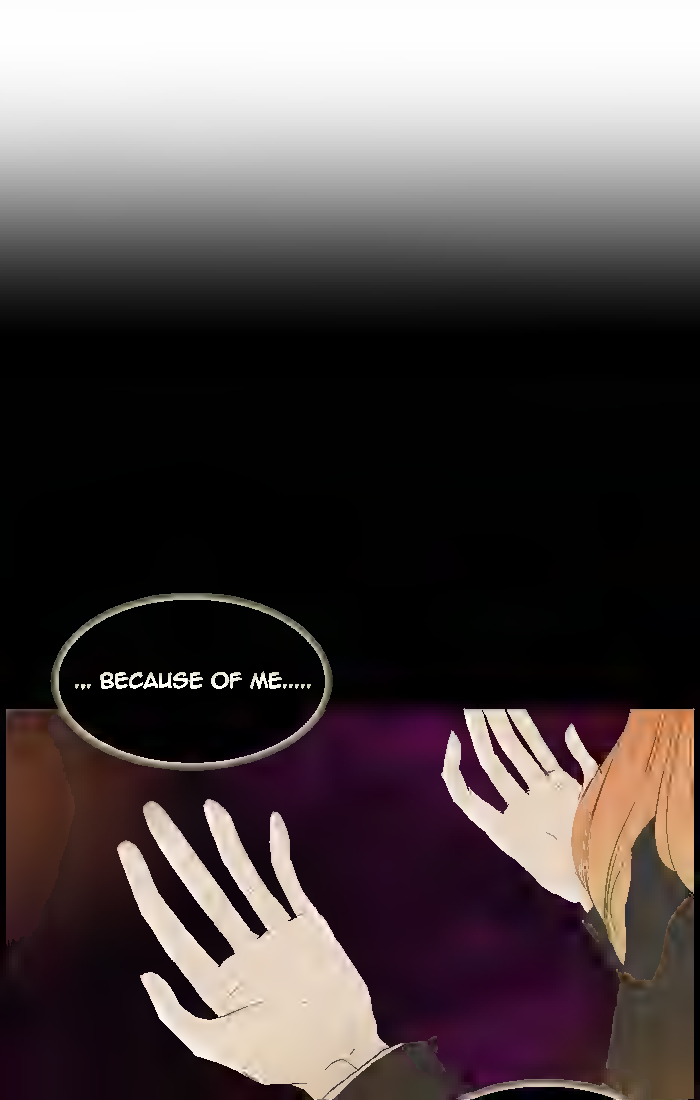


PUT YUNSEO'S LIFE IN DANGER.

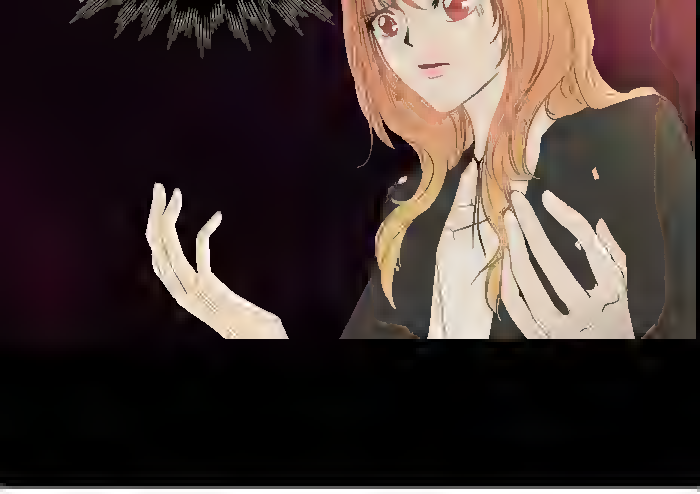
WAIT, DAD. WHAT DO YOU MEAN?!

EVEN IF A VAMPIRE ABSORBS ENERGY, THEY CANNOT DO IT TO THE POINT WHERE THE HUMAN'S LIFE IS AT RISK.
SO HOW... DID A HUMAN GET LIKE THAT BECAUSE OF SIA..
RIGHT, FOR MOST

VAMPIRES...
THAT WOULD NOT HAPPEN.
BUT SIA IS DIFFERENT FROM US.


... BECAUSE OF ME.....

NO,
IT CAN'T BE.....
IT'S A LIE...
HOW CAN..
DID I.....
KILL A HUMAN?!



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